

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented) A gasket comprising:

a base sheet having an aperture, a web, and a seal enhancement zone at a selected location on said web, a slot formed in said web within said seal enhancement zone, said slot being bounded by slot edges, and an edge coating on said slot edges, said slot and said edge coating providing an enhanced seal in said seal enhancement zone when said gasket is clamped between a pair of flange surfaces.

Claims 2-25 (canceled)